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San Diego Operating Day

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Sunday, Nov 24th was one of the epic days in San Diego area history. It was Operating Day, at the Fry's Electronics store parking lot in Murphy Canyon. Meanwhile, a simultaneous event was going on at the San Marcos Fry's by the Palomar ARC and friends. I don't have much info on that as I was very busy at the San Diego event. We ran from early morning to late afternoon, with many visitors, and curious public.

The San Diego event was organized by the San Diego Six Shooters ARC. The rest of the area clubs were invited to join in to make a real Hamfest and there was Loads of Participation.

Mike KG6TDP arrived at the big old house and we hooked up the club Tower Trailer to tote down to Fry's. Many folks were waiting when we arrived and work started immediately on getting the tower ready to put up. Noel AG6KA brought a Cushcraft A4S Tribander which would go on top of the 100' tower. Meanwhile, other booths

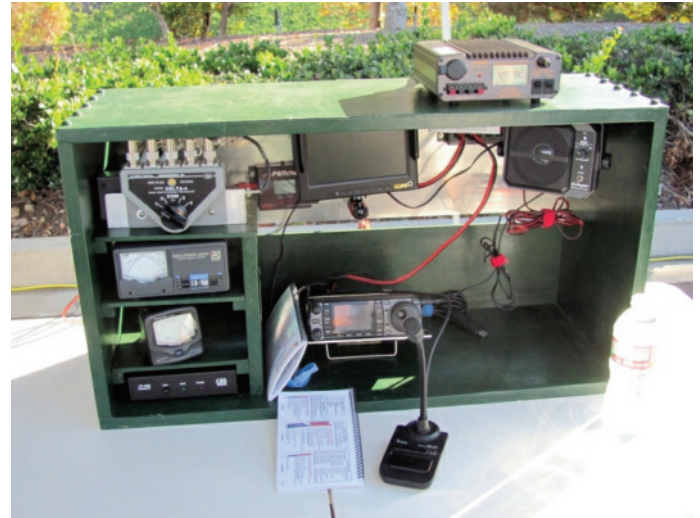


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were setting up for the crowds. As we walked down amidst the booths, many great setups were seen. Here is a great portable setup in a wood case. The next one was really sharp, a complete remote setup for operation just outside the RV! By mid morning, most of the booths were set up and ready for demonstration.





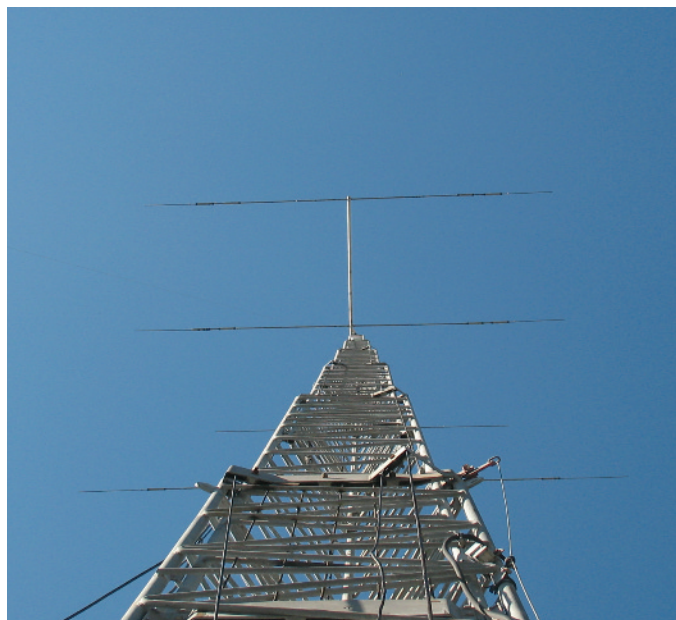
Bob KE6BJL and Tom N6JOJ worked the SANDRA Booth



Here is the great SOBARS Booth!



Meanwhile, back at the ARCEC booth, the Club President was demonstrating the new GO KIT while Incoming Club Secretary Sue AF6LJ and Current Secretary Paul KJ6BYF listen to the Chargers game. Note the generator in the back, thanks to Dave KI6GRN



The magnificent Tower with the A4S was visible from all over Murphy canyon and to drivers on the I-15 as they passed by. Many stopped to find out what was going on. I worked a SPAIN Station EH5CA on 15M SSB off the side of the beam (Rotator was stuck!) and let the visitors here the active CQWW CW Contest before setting it up on PSK31 and wrestling with the Laptop to get that to work.

The day went along nicely, with lots of visitors, until it was time to tear it all down and go home. Not really a field day, but actually a portable emergency power demonstration setup, the event was very well received and enjoyed by all. Many Hams were highly impressed with the new HF Go-kit and got ideas on how to build there own. They all liked the control unit which is 100% homebrew and very difficult to assemble. *Sorry, this is serial number one of only one*, and not in production. (Though there would be a great market for it! Very labor intensive!!) Some hams will take the ideas and try to homebrew one of their own.

Club Christmas Party

The ARCEC Christmas party and potluck dinner was an unqualified success and a wonderful ending for a 2013. We had a very good turn out with an abundance of food drink and comradery. A drawing was held with many prizes given away, between the food, drink, drawing and good company everyone went away happy.

On a sad note Club President Pat Bunsold WA6MHZ was unable to attend due to illness. Pat was admitted to the Grossmont Hospital ER shortly before the meeting was to begin with chest pains, more on Pat in the Editor's Notes section.



Editor's Notes

Things are almost back to normal after my computer failure in November, just a couple of no so minor things left to take care after this edition of Counterpoise is out.

I very much enjoyed myself at the San Diego Operating Event at Fry's, I had the chance to meet more hams and get to know some of the other clubs a bit better. I get up at 4:00AM on weekends so that made for a fairly long day, still it was a lot of fun.



I had some forewarning regarding the news about Pat WA6MHZ we both spend time on QRZ.com and he had been complaining of pain in his chest and it was a difficult decision to "not stick it out" and miss the club Christmas party. This was to be a good decision since an aortic dissection was discovered. Pat had surgery on Saturday morning, which I am pleased to report was a success. I visited Pat on Sunday and he was in good sprits in spite of being well connected to a bank of high tech medical gear. Pat was released from hospital on



Monday and is convalescing at home. Knowing Pat I am sure he is getting in as much DX-ing as possible, now is the time to get all those counties you miss while at work Pat.

I enjoy serving ARCEC and when the opportunity to serve as secretary presented itself I accepted, I'm very fond of the club and feel I can do some good serving as secretary. ARCEC is all of us, its members are the heart and soul of the club, not just the board members, but everyone, remember you are the Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon, you are what makes it a great place to be, without you ARCEC wouldn't exist.

I would like to take a moment and thank Jim Lockwood K4CCF for the picture that is on our masthead. The picture is of Jim's house in Pollock Pines California. Jim is a member of the 75M ragchew group I belong to.

As always your content is welcome. If you have anything you would like to see included in Counterpoise please send it along.

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Next Month's Meeting

Next month's meeting is to be announced, look for new faces on the Board of Directors and club officers. I hope to see everyone there.



Early bird registration has begun for the 2014 ARRL Southwestern Division Convention to be held September 12-14 at the Four Points By Sheraton. For more information visit; <http://www.sandarc.net/>

10th Annual Yuma Hamfest Yuma, Arizona Feb. 14 & 15, 2014

Yuma County Fairgrounds
2520 East 32nd Street, Yuma, Arizona

www.yumahamfest.org

Check the Website for Additional Information

Gates Open for Camping Thursday, 2 pm Vendor Setup Friday, 7 am - Noon	Event Hours Friday, Noon - 5 pm Saturday, 8 am - 5 pm	Buzzard BBQ & Grand Prize Drawing Saturday Night 6:00 - 8:00 pm
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Consignment Sales
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Hourly Door Prizes
On-site RV Camping
Famous Buzzard BBQ
ARRL Speaker
Transmitter Hunt
\$5.00 Admission

Tailgating (Swap Meet)
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DXCC Card Checking
Incredible Grand Prizes
Emergency Preparedness
Admission Prize
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"Near Space" Balloon Launch
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Hamfest Talk-In Frequency: 146.840 (-) PL 88.5 Hz
Email Contact: info@yumahamfest.org



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The Yuma Hamfest is an American Radio Relay League (ARRL) sanctioned event.



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Club Shirts & Jackets

We have 2013 club shirts and jackets available at meetings and from the club website. Shirts are available sizes from small to XX large, this year's shirt has a pocket and as usual is green in color with the club logo in white. The cost is \$12.00 each. You can get a 2013 Field Day shirt or the standard club shirt, both styles of shirts have the club logo on the back and the left side.

Jackets are also available in sizes ranging from Medium to XX large. These are of the lined windbreaker style, with side pockets and they snap down the front. The cost is \$24.00 each.

We also have a number of shirts from 2012, these shirts are identical to the 2013 shirts without the pocket, and they are available in both the standard club shirt and the 2012 Field Day shirt. Sizes are limited to stock on hand. For more information regarding our club shirts see; <http://wa6bgs.us/2013-club-shirts-and-jackets/>



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